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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR TOGO'S CALL ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
HOLBROOKE, FEB 14

1. AMBASSADOR TOGO CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE,  
FEB 14 TO DISCUSS TIMING OF PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S VISIT  
TO THE US. HE SAID THAT GOJ WISHED TO FIX THE DATE FOR  
THE VISIT AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE MANY DEMANDS  
ON FUKUDA'S TIME IN MAY AND JUNE. HE EXPRESSED PRIME  
MINISTER'S CONTINUED PREFERENCE FOR VISIT IN EARLY MAY,  
NOTING DIFFICULTIES A JUNE DATE WOULD POSE BECAUSE OF  
RESPONSIBILITIES FUKUDA WILL HAVE TOWARD DIET AT THAT TIME  
AND FACT THAT IT WOULD BE TOO CLOSE TO JULY ECONOMIC SUMMIT  
IN EUROPE. HOLBROOKE REPLIED THAT WE UNDERSTAND PRIME  
MINISTER'S PREFERENCE FOR A MAY DATE. WE HAD NOT RULED OUT  
A VISIT IN MAY AND WERE NOW LOOKING AT BOTH MAY AND JUNE AS  
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POSSIBILITIES. WE WERE DISCUSSING POSSIBILITIES WITH THE  
WHITE HOUSE AND WOULD BE IN TOUCH ON THIS AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE.

2. HOLBROOKE WENT ON TO SAY THAT WE CONSIDERING POSSIBILI-  
TY OF HAVING THE MEETING ON THE WEST COAST, SAVING BOTH  
TIME AND TRAVEL FOR THE PRIME MINISTER. HE ASKED FOR

AMBASSADOR TOGO'S OPINION AS TO WHETHER WE SHOULD THINK IN

TERMS OF ONE OR TWO SESSIONS BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND THE PRIME MINISTER. TOGO INDICATED THAT TWO MEETINGS WOULD APPEAR DESIRABLE. HOLBROOKE SUGGESTED THAT IF VISIT WERE TAKE PLACE ON WEST COAST IT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO SCHEDULE EVERYTHING IN ONE DAY AND IN THAT EVENT WE WOULD THINK IN TERMS OF ONE LONG MEETING. HE ADDED THAT WE LOOKED ON THIS AS A WORKING VISIT INVOLVING LITTLE PROTOCOL. TOGO REPLIED THAT IN HIS VIEW FORMALITIES WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY.

3. TOGO ALSO ADVISED OF THE VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN EARLY APRIL OF PRINCE HITACHI TO ATTEND MEETING OF AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR CANCER RESEARCH OF WHICH PRINCE IS ASSOCIATE MEMBER. HOLBROOKE SAID THAT WE WOULD LEND ALL APPROPRIATE ASSISTANCE.

4. TURNING TO ANOTHER SUBJECT, TOGO ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR RETURN OF TONGSUN PARK TO WASHINGTON. HOLBROOKE SAID THAT PARK WOULD RETURN ON FEB 26 AND WOULD APPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEES OF BOTH THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE IN ADDITION TO TESTIFYING IN COURT PROCEEDINGS. HOLBROOKE NOTED THAT THE QUESTION OF TESTIMONY BY PARK HAD BEEN SETTLED BUT THAT MORE SERIOUS PROBLEM POSED BY CONGRESSIONAL DEMANDS THAT FORMER ROK AMBASSADOR KIM JONG DO RETURN TO GIVE TESTIMONY. STATE DEPARTMENT FELT STRONGLY THAT APPROACH TO ROK GOVERNMENT  
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MENT REQUESTING AMBASSADOR KIM'S RETURN WOULD BE IN VIOLATION OF THE VIENNA CONVENTION AND WOULD NOT MAKE APPROACH. HE CALLED ATTENTION TO THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT OF FEBRUARY 6, 1978. (A COPY OF FEBRUARY 6 STATEMENT SUBSEQUENTLY PROVIDED TO JAPANESE EMBASSY.)

5. TOGO ALSO ASKED IF THE NEXT US/ASEAN MEETING HAD BEEN DEFINITELY SCHEDULED. HOLBROOKE SAID BOTH TIMING AND LEVEL OF MEETING REMAINED UNCLEAR. HE PROMISED TO KEEP TOGO INFORMED BUT ADDED THAT THE US/ASEAN MEETING WOULD IN ANY CASE NOT OCCUR BEFORE PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA'S MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

6. IN CLOSING, HOLBROOKE SAID HE WISHED TO RAISE POINT REGARDING CURRENT STATUS OF ECONOMIC/TRADE ISSUES BETWEEN US AND JAPAN. STRAUSS/USHIBA JOINT STATEMENT CONSIDERED TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS WHICH HAD HELPED TO REDUCE TEMPORARILY PROTECTIONIST PRESSURES ON CAPITOL HILL. GOJ THE ONE GOVERNMENT REALLY MAKING EFFORT WITH US IN THE MTN. MANY PEOPLE IN US, HOWEVER, WERE ASKING IF THE JOINT STATEMENT REALLY MADE ANY DIFFERENCE. OUR ANSWER TO THIS WAS THAT ONLY TIME WOULD TELL. THIRD QUARTER OF THIS YEAR WAS THE EARLIEST WE MIGHT EXPECT RESULTS FROM OUR JOINT EFFORTS AND THAT THIS PERIOD WOULD COINCIDE WITH ELECTIONS IN THE US.

HE SAID THAT FOR THIS REASON IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT PROGRESS  
BE MADE IN IMPLEMENTING JOINT STATEMENT, AND THAT JAPAN  
DERIVE FULL CREDIT FOR WHAT IT HAD ACCOMPLISHED. HE SUG-  
GESTED THAT THE GOJ EMBARK UPON A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN  
IN THE US TO PUBLICIZE ITS ACTION TO REDRESS THE TRADE  
IMBALANCE. OTHERWISE, WE WOULD FIND OURSELVES FACING A  
MORE SERIOUS SITUATION AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. VANCE

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